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¶11. (SBU) PolOff presented reftel points and delivered copies of three non-papers to Augusto Saa, Director of Human Rights and Social and Environmental issues at the MFA, on October 12, emphasizing the USG view that the Chair's draft Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (DRIP) is fundamentally flawed. Saa said that the GOE continues to support the draft Declaration, but has advised its UN mission not to push any sensitive issues and would share USG concerns regarding the declaration with them. He agreed that more discussion of the declaration would be necessary before a final vote, and said Ecuador would consult with others who are in favor while remaining open to listening to further arguments from those who oppose it. However, he emphasized it would be difficult for Ecuador to change its position citing political realities, the country's current electoral climate and the interest with which indigenous groups were following the declaration's progress.

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